## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE STUDY PLAN

Study ID code CAPMC-T-0220-CP

**Title** Evaluation of native BOR plants for use in the revegetation

of retired farm land

National Project No. Cropland 3.1

Study Type AE Study status Active

**Location** CAPMC

Study Leader David Dyer, CAPMC

**Duration** 2002 - 2005

Cooperators BOR, USF&W, ESRP

Land Use Cropland

**Vegetative Practices** Primary 643 Restoration and management of

declining habitats

Secondary 645 Upland wildlife habitat management

**Resource concerns** Resource Consideration/Problem

Soil Restoration, soil erosion

Animals Wildlife Plants T&E species

**Long Range Plan** Study falls under Section IV, Part 1 and 4 of the CA PM

LRP

**Description** USDI-BOR contract to determine which native species can

be developed into a mass produced variety

**Status of Knowledge** Improved plant materials do not exist in large quantities for

the restoration of retired farm land.

**Experimental Design** Plot evaluations at field sites

**Treatment 1** Title: Evaluate for production performance

Description: Evaluate seed production fields at the PMC and at ESRP site for mechanical harvest abilities for up to

50 species.

**Materials and Methods** 

Samples of seed cleaned and assembled form BOR collections. Seed will be assembled in 2004. Small lot increases will be placed on landscape fabric for weed control and seed harvest. Large increase lots will be planted (seeded or transplanted) at 30" row spacing. In regards to each species, seed maturity and harvest methods will be evaluated. Seed cleaning methods will be

**Final Evaluations** 

A matrix will be developed which shows harvest methods

Technology Transfer Products

TechNote, foundation seed

determined.

**Literature Cited** 

There is a need for central valley native plant species which can be used for restoration of 200,000 acres of retired farm land which will lead to the protection of T&E species habitat.

Keywords

T&E species, restoration, native grass, retired farm land

Review by: Approvals:

CA. State Plant Materials Committee As per approval of CAPMC Business Plan